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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	16	22	0 x 50	\$0.00
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.